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THE FOOTWEAR FAD.

Must women begin to express their individuality by their shoes? Hats and gowns have long been made to order to suit the taste—so-called—of the individual buyer. And it is an expensive and energy consuming business. Shoes and gloves had apparently escaped the madness of "style." They varied, of course, from year to year and as they were designed for street or dress wear.

But alas! Some careless or short-sighted manufacturer rashly introduced "fads" in the shoe business and now there are as many as a thousand absolutely different styles shown in one short season. They are high and low, and wrinkled and smooth. Once made of leather, they are now of velvet, brocade, canvas, cloth of many kinds and colors.

The real beauty of a shoe must always lie in its neatness and suitability. It should be sanely made and inconspicuous, quietly harmonizing with the whole costume. The present tendency toward freakish design and inappropriate material is making the shoe even more hideous and silly than usual. Let us hope some one will restore sanity to the shoe business before the general public becomes hopelessly addicted to the style-shoe habit.

QUEER LEGAL TANGLE.

A queer legal tangle has arisen in Tennessee. A negro murdered the chief of police of Johnson City in cold blood and was sentenced to death for his crime. Before the date set for execution he escaped from prison, and before his recapture, the legislature without having him in mind, passed a bill abolishing the death penalty in the state.

In the present condition, the murderer cannot be executed. It is held that while the governor has the power to commute the sentence to life imprisonment, under a ruling of the supreme court, the murderer can reject such commutation if he wishes, and he cannot be tried again for the same offense.

It is the opinion of many of the best lawyers of the state that the negro can gain his entire freedom on a writ of habeas corpus, and, so far, there is no lawyer who has come forward with a different view of it.

What the legislature failed to do was to make provision for the punishment to be inflicted in such cases.

We note in an obscure sheet a prominently displayed article prating of present democratic prosperity. Probably it is referring to the war tax of \$80,000,000 levied on the people of the United States to help make up the deficit in the treasury incurred by the democrats. And strange to say this nation is at peace with all the world, despite the fact that we are paying a war tax.

Of course, the democratic brand of government is the only simon-pure one. Take your own beloved State of Arizona for example. The record is one of which democrats can be justly proud. For the fiscal year 1914-1915, according to the report of State Auditor J. C. Callaghan, a democrat, the deficit was only the trifling sum of \$436,512.88—a mere bagatelle. Yet taxes have increased by leaps and bounds and from intimations being given out in certain quarters, another hoist is due. This is the brand of government that makes the State a joke and drives away legitimate enterprises.

That the democrats of Arizona are rebelling against the kind of government furnished by the Hunt machine is evidenced by the number who signed the petitions for the recall of the chief executive. These voters realize that a change is imperative and the only way to get it is to vote for a republican.

Five hundred thousand sensible women of the United States believe that the best way to preserve their husbands and sons from the dangers of war is for the nation to be so well prepared that none will dare wage war against us.

It is pleasing to note that the county office calling for the highest specialized work was conducted at the least expense to the taxpayers. We refer to the office of assessor, held by C. E. Gentry, a republican. For proof of this statement we respectfully refer all taxpayers to the annual report of the clerk of the board of supervisors, a document, by the way, which should be carefully perused by all those interested in the welfare of Yavapai.

There are those who profess to believe that the time will come in Arizona when officials elected by the people to serve their interests will actually do so, instead of using their offices to promote, regardless of the expense attendant thereupon, their own petty quarrels and selfish interests. Oh! wondrous optimism! Oh! happy days!—(From fourth annual report of State Auditor Callaghan, a democrat.)

THE END OF MONTENEGRO.

Little Montenegro, with an area about one-third that of Yavapai county, has been overwhelmed and crushed by the power of Austria-Hungary. This independent territory came into existence just four hundred years ago. During the four centuries of its existence, as principality and kingdom, Montenegro has been constantly at war with the Mohammedans. It never had a year of peace, from the time it was founded by the Slavs who retreated in 1516, into the mountain fastnesses before the Turks, and until now, when the aged King Nicholas has been compelled to sue for peace.

It was the Montenegrins who launched the first attack against the Turks when the first Balkan war was precipitated. With his total army of 40,000 men, King Nicholas invaded Turkey. Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece followed quickly with declarations of war, and the greatest struggle, judging by the numbers of men engaged and the losses in battle, that the world has ever seen, was launched and raged for nearly two years, ending in the conquest of a large part of Turkey in Europe by the Balkan alliance, which soon was followed by a war between the Bulgarians, on the one side, and the Greeks, Serbians and Montenegrins on the other, over the spoils.

When war was declared by Austria against Serbia, in 1914, Montenegro ranged herself at once beside Serbia and inflicted repeated defeats on the Austrians, marching her armies far into Bosnia. But, late last fall, the great Teutonic drive against Serbia began. That kingdom was soon overrun. The Serbs are still in arms but on foreign territory. Then 200,000 Austro-Hungarians undertook the conquest of the Montenegrins.

The country is extremely mountainous and naturally adapted to defense. The invaders were beaten in many engagements, and in others success was attained only after terrific sacrifices. But numbers and heavy artillery told, in time. Mount Lovcen was taken and the capital of the kingdom occupied. To prevent further disaster, the king surrendered, thus ending, for the present, one of the most romantic independencies of all history.

Also, after a year and a half of terrible warfare in which many millions of soldiers have participated, Montenegro, with a little more than 3,000 square miles, is the first government to sue for peace.

YUAN SHI KAI YIELDS.

It is announced both from Japan and China that the coronation of Yuan Shi Kai has been postponed, the Chinese announcement crediting the delay to the revolt in the southern provinces and the announcement from Japan stating that it was in deference to objections by the mikado's government.

Not long ago, dispatches from the far east announced that the Japanese government, with the approval of Russia, Great Britain, France and Italy, had presented a note to China cautioning her against the restoration of a monarchical form of government at the present time. There was some comment because the United States refused to join in the note of protest to the Peking government, since the United States was the first government to recognize the new republic of China. This country, however, follows its settled policy of non-interference.

On the very day the powers delivered their note to Yuan Shi Kai, Tokio dispatches announced the Russian-French-British pledge not to make separate peace with Germany. Likewise, Japan pledged herself to aid the entente allies in ways not specifically mentioned.

In the light of all these announcements the Chinese situation is clearer. Great Britain, already under obligation to Japan for driving Germany from Asia last November a year ago, now finds her vast possession of India in danger of revolt and Egypt threatened by Turko-German invasion. Too busy in Europe to cope with these conditions, Great Britain has again turned to her powerful Asiatic ally.

For a guarantee of Russian and British non-interference in Japan's aspirations in China, England has probably secured from Japan a promise of direct military aid whenever needed in India or Egypt, and even perhaps on the front of eastern Europe.

Such are the portentous shadows that are looming on the Great Wall of China. And it is still a question whether, when the war is ended and the roll of nations called, among the "missing" will not be found—China.

HAVE HAD THEIR LEGS PULLED LONG ENOUGH

(From Sunday's daily.)
Prescott business men do not propose to have their legs pulled further by transient advertising schemes and fake charities.

At a meeting of the business men held Friday evening at the Chamber of Commerce rooms a committee was appointed to submit the matter of supplying cards to all the business and professional people of the city, whether members of the organization or not, in order that the solicitors for transient advertising schemes should receive a cold reception unless the proposition was good enough to secure the approval of the committee of the Business Men's Association.

The personnel of the advertising committee will be kept secret. Solicitors will be able to present their propositions to the secretary who will see that it is explained to the committee. If the committee approves it, the solicitor will be given a letter stating the fact. If the matter is not approved, notices will be sent to each member of the organization. In the meantime, the members of the organization are supposed to turn down propositions for advertising or charity schemes with which they are not familiar.

The matter of "buying at home" came up for discussion. Much interest was expressed in the plan of using Yavapai magazine. It was urged that to insure being able to meet competition, the business men, who carry only high class goods, should in self-defense put in a line of the cheap material that the mail order houses and other "cheap John" establishments

carry so that the purchaser who may want that kind of goods can be satisfied at home.

A communication was presented by President A. W. Edwards from Congressman Carl Hayden. It enclosed two bills introduced recently in congress. One was the Ayres bill which gives manufacturers the right to fix the price at which the goods they make may be sold. The other was the Browne bill which provides that mail order houses shall pay a tax of 1 per cent upon the total cash value of all goods they may dispose of to consumers in other States than the one in which their store is located. The suggestion was made that Congressman Hayden be urged to have the law provide that the mail order houses be taxed a sum equivalent to the rate of State taxes paid by the business men of the States in which the business is done.

The following officers were elected for 1916: President, A. W. Edwards; vice-president, J. I. Gardner; directors, Frank Foster, O. A. Helsa and E. A. Kastner; secretary and treasurer, A. H. Powers.

PIONEER WOMAN SUDDENLY STRICKEN

(From Saturday's Daily)
Mrs. J. H. Lee, who enjoys a splendid name in pioneer circles as a resident since the early '60s, suffered a serious stroke of paralysis a few days ago at the American ranch, and her recovery is considered as hopeless. She has resided at that historically known homestead, founded by her deceased husband, for over 50 years, and her misfortune in this late day occasions sympathetic expressions from scores of friends.

INSANITY TRIAL IN SUPERIOR COURT TODAY

JURY TO DECIDE ON THE MENTAL CONDITION OF DANIEL MCCARTY WHO FACES MURDER CHARGE

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Yavapai county's first insanity trial starts this morning at 10 o'clock in the Superior court, when the first jury session for the year of 1916 will begin. Daniel McCarty, accused of the murder of J. E. Smith is the man to be tried to determine whether he is sane or insane. If it is found by the jury that he is sane, a trial for murder will be started, and if otherwise, he will be sent to the State asylum for the insane at Phoenix.

Dr. R. N. Looney and Dr. H. T. Southworth who have been examining McCarty for the past week will be the star witnesses. Many others who have known McCarty for a few years back are to be called to the stand. Attorneys LeRoy Anderson and Geo. W. Nilsson will handle the case for the defendant and County Attorney O'Sullivan and his assistant, J. H. Morgan, will examine the witnesses for the State. The jury is to be selected from the 50 men summoned recently. Probably only about 25 of those called will be present as many of the jurors have been unable to get to Prescott from the country because of bad roads and the deep snow on the mountain highways. McCarty is charged with having murdered Smith with a shotgun at Wagoner on the morning of December 27, 1915. It is said that he killed Smith because he refused to pay his board bill.

Suit Dismissed.
Retracting all statements that he may have made, if any, a stipulation was filed yesterday by Frank Wilson, defendant, in the \$15,000 slander suit brought against him by Wm. R. Corwile. A few minutes after the stipulation was filed Attorney A. L. Hammond for the plaintiff dismissed the suit against Wilson by motion, which was granted by Judge Smith. The criminal information against Corwile charging him with burglarizing the pool room owned by Wilson at Mayer was dismissed on a motion of Deputy County Attorney Morgan, who stated that the evidence was not sufficient to bring the cause to trial. Corwile in his suit for damages alleged that Wilson had called him a thief before a number of men in Mayer.

Foreclosure Granted.
Chas. Schmidt was given judgment on a promissory note for \$300 against G. A. Zellmer et al. and was granted permission to foreclose a mortgage on a lot in the Home Acre tract belonging to the defendants.

The petition of Lester Ruffner asking to be appointed administrator in the estate of Joan Hanna, deceased, was set for hearing on February 4th. The estate is valued at \$275 and the only heir is Mrs. Anna E. Reinhardt, a sister, of Jersey City, New Jersey.

Attorney J. E. Russell filed a petition asking to be appointed as administrator in the estate of Frank Slowiczek, deceased. It was set for hearing on February 4th. The estate consists of \$38 and an alleged claim against the Consolidated Arizona Smelting Company for the death of Slowiczek. The heirs are Anna Slowiczek, the widow, and Frank Slowiczek, a son, both of whom are in Austria.

Crook Canyon Road Is Badly Damaged

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
"From the Senator summit to the Venezia mining camp the wagon road through Crook canyon is only fit for pack animals to travel, and from the Venezia mine to the Crook camp, that road has been entirely obliterated," said Lon Overton, the mail carrier, who returned to the city Sunday. Overton also related a thrilling experience of last week when he went into a stream of water, that he presumed was only a few feet in depth, but instead had a depth of over the horse's head. He and horse were carried down the stream for nearly 100 yards and both had a very narrow escape from drowning. All wagon roads to the south on that route are either wiped out or badly damaged, and several weeks will elapse before freight teams can enter the country.

MARRIED
(From Sunday's Daily.)
Justice of the Peace C. H. McLane yesterday afternoon married Pedro Navarro and Lucy Vega of this city.

NELSON PRODUCT TO BE TREATED ON GROUND

BRADSHAW MINE CONTINUES TO MAKE GOOD SHOWING; LARGE EXPLORATION CONTINUES

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
General Manager Geo. P. Harrington, of the Nelson Mining Co., while in Prescott on Sunday from Crown King, confirmed previous reports of large and good grades of ore bodies developed in all workings, and expressed himself as well satisfied with development at all points.

He said that the lower or main tunnel had now reached 3950 feet and was still in a well defined ore body, measuring three feet in width. Sinking of a winze from the upper tunnel to connect with the upraise from the lower tunnel has reached 80 feet, with a continuous ore body determined. These tunnels are 235 feet apart. From the lower tunnel a crosscut west is being run from near the face to tap the extreme western vein and has reached 150 feet of the 200 feet. This development will explore the War Eagle vein and give a vertical depth of approximately 350 feet.

The purpose of the Nelson, Mr. Harrington states, is to market its ores at the Randolph-Gemmill plant, at Crown King, this treatment process being a success for ores of the Bradshaws, as has been so thoroughly demonstrated in handling the tailings dump of the old Crown King mill.

"Underground conditions of the Nelson are decidedly satisfactory," he said, "without taking into consideration what future development will most assuredly provide in a very heavy product of a good grade of shipping ore as well as a mill yield. Already we have many hundreds of tons ready for the local plant. As soon as weather conditions will permit the Nelson begins an active career with every indication of being a heavy producer as well as a successful proposition."

BIG OPERATORS ENTER TIPTOP COUNTRY

(From Sunday's Daily)
From trustworthy sources it was learned yesterday that the Tiptop country, from a tungsten standpoint, is on the eve of seeing deals closed for a vast area of ground including old as well as new properties that would involve a very large sum of money, and in which George Wingfield, the mining millionaire of Nevada, and Charles Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Company, of Pennsylvania, would figure later as principals. This well founded belief arises from the trip of inspection of ten days just concluded by Mr. Starr, Wingfield's chief consulting engineer, who closed an option transaction for the R. E. Gardner tungsten holdings on Tule creek, and asked for only thirty days in which to close the deal. Mr. Starr on leaving Gardner's camp made the significant remark to this owner: "Gardner, you may consider your property as sold."

Strong Mining Team.
Reports also were current in the Tiptop field that Mr. Wingfield and Mr. Schwab were acting in conjunction in this gigantic tungsten movement, the former on a silver basis, and the latter for the tungsten with which to use the product in his big steel business. Mr. Starr is also reported to have made overtures to A. O. Ensign for the latter's tungsten holdings at Tiptop, as well were reports in circulation that the huge interests of the Tiptop-Heath Mining Co., included in which is the old Tiptop mine, were being considered in a similar transaction. It was also stated that the Tiptop Company had made locations for a distance along Tule creek of five miles, in which silver-tungsten bearing prospects were acquired.

Since the tungsten situation assumed a lively interest in that field, old-time miners have fully covered the country north of Tiptop, while new arrivals are confining themselves to sections west and southwest of the old silver camp. Several new strikes are being made, and the country open is being scoured by prospectors who are coming in from all sections of the West. It is predicted there will be some lively doings in a few months among locators as well as investors.

LYNCHING PLOT FOILED
YSLETA, Texas, Jan. 22.—The three Mexicans held on a charge of cattle stealing were taken to El Paso tonight when rangers learned of a plot to lynch the prisoners.

200 REPUBLICANS ATTEND BIG MEETING

WOMEN PRESENT AS WELL AS THE MEN; CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ARE ADOPTED.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Considering the fact that the primary election is over seven months away, the election nearly ten months away, and no active campaign has been started for either county, State or national offices, the meeting of the Republican Club at which a constitution was adopted at Odd Fellows' hall last night was one of the biggest gatherings ever seen at an organization of any political club or body in Yavapai county since Arizona became a State.

Nearly 200 attended and of these about half were women. The enthusiasm was unequalled. All were jubilant over prospects for success at the elections next fall. The women were as much enthused as the men and took an active part in the organization of the new club which promises to be one of the largest the county has ever known and the most energetic.

Speeches full of vim were made by various men prominent in local Republican politics. Judge F. O. Smith addressed the gathering explaining to it the purpose in organizing the club, stating that it is united effort which brings results. He also explained the principles of Republicanism.

R. E. Morrison, J. M. W. Moore and Lincoln H. Beyerle were appointed by Chairman Richard Lamson on the constitution and by-laws committee and the constitution presented by them was adopted with one exception. On a motion the clause permitting males and females under the age of 21 to join was stricken out.

The officials elected are as follows: President, Richard Lamson; first vice-president, Mrs. H. W. Heap; second vice-president, Mrs. Inez McDonald; Mrs. E. W. Stephens, Mrs. L. E. Wetmore, Mrs. W. D. Baker, Mrs. C. E. Yount and Mrs. C. T. Joslin; secretary, George Thayer; treasurer, J. M. W. Moore. The executive committee is to be appointed later by President Lamson.

Lincoln's Day will be the Republican Club's official day of the year if the suggestion of F. O. Smith is approved by the executive committee. Judge Smith declared that the club should have a certain day to celebrate during the year similar to the Jefferson Day of the Democratic party.

The charter of the organization is to be left open until March 1, 1916, giving all who could not be present last night an opportunity to become members. The membership book will be left at the office of Tom McLoughlin.

The meeting was followed by dancing, Mrs. J. L. McMahon's orchestra furnishing the music. The dancing lasted until after midnight.

Freighters Using Old County Road

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The State highway out of this city to the south is reported to be impassable to loaded teams, and the old county roadway is again in use, as far as Groom creek. The latter is said to be washed to bedrock, while the former is packed with a capping of decomposed granite and has been badly cut up by heavy traffic, since the storms of December. Those who traveled over the State road on horseback reported that it will require several weeks of good weather to again place that highway in fair condition for freighting. The country to the south of Prescott still carries a heavy depth of snow, and general conditions are said to be unsatisfactory for mining.

ARREST COUGHRIN
Charged with disturbing the peace, Wilbur Coughrin was arrested and placed in the county jail yesterday by Under Sheriff T. J. Marks. W. W. McCoy swore to the complaint. Coughrin will be given a trial before Justice of the Peace McLane during the early part of this week.

TOWN IS BURNING
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 22.—The Norwegian town of Molde was still burning at midnight. The greater part of the place already has been reduced to ashes and the town is threatened with entire destruction. The flames are being fanned by a high gale.